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TO THE  
READER.

**T**HO I am not one of them that put any great stress on Judicial Astrology, nor do I think that short sighted Man can Read much out of the Stars concerning future Events, yet, seeing Mr. Partidge has by his Art (for honest John does not pretend much to the Divine Spirit) hit upon many things Remarkable, especially in the Month of June, and so to the End of the Year 1688. and also in the foregoing Year 1687. I have to gratifie the Curious Collected together such things as may be truly called Wonderful Predictions and Observations.

The Revolutions in England in a few Weeks, are so stupendious, that may convince the most obstinate Atheist that there is a God, and that that God does superintend in all Humane Affairs; according to that Old Verse in some of our Almanacks.

Astra regunt homines, sed regit Astra Deus.

Such Divine Characters are to be seen in these present Providences, that we may Cry out with the Psalmist, (Psalm. 118. 23.) It is the Lords doing, and it is Wonderful in our Eyes. On which Text the Great and Learned Dr. Burnet (a Person to whom the whole Nation is infinitely Obligated) hath provided Excellent Meditations for every Pious Mind, in a Sermon lately Preached before his Highness the Prince of Orange.

To



To the Haters of Popery, by what Names or Titles soever  
dignified or distinguished.

**T**his was of old: then Israel in the reed,  
When they obey'd their Kings, and not their God,  
When they went whoreing after other Loves,  
To worship Idols in new planted Groves.  
They made their Gods of Silver, Wood and Stone,  
And bow'd and worship'd them when they had done.  
And to complete their sins in every way,  
They made em things call'd Priests: Priests did I say,  
A Crew of Villains more prophane than they.  
Hence sprung that Romish Crew, first spawn'd in hell,  
Who now in vice their Pedagogues excel  
Their Church Consists of vicious Popes, the Rest,  
Are whoreing Nuns, and bawdy Bugg'ring Priests.  
A Noble Church! dabb'd with Religious Paint,  
Each Priest's a Stallion, every Rogue's a Saint.  
Come you that Loath this Brood: this murdering Crew,  
Your Bredecessors well their mercies knew.  
Take courage now, and be both bold and wise;  
Stand for your Laws, Religion, Liberties,  
You have the odds, the Law is still your own,  
They're but your Traytors, therefore pull'em down.  
They struck with fear, seek to destroy your Laws.  
They're raving mad, you see they fix their paws,  
Because from them they fear their fatal fall,  
And by their Laws, they know you'll hang'em all.  
Then keep your Laws, the Penal, and the Rest,  
And give your Lives up, ere you give the Test.  
And thou great Church of England hold thy own;  
Forc'd by no way, or otherwise give up none.  
Robbers and Thieves must compensate what they've done;  
Let all thy mighty pillars now appear,  
Zealous and brave, void both of hate and fear.  
That Popish Pops may grin, lye, cheat and whine;  
And curse their Faith, while all admire thine,  
And thou Brave Oxford, Cambrigg, and the Rest,  
Great Hough and Fairfax, that durst beard the Beast,  
Let all the Just with thanks record their name,  
On standing Pillars of immortal fame.

Let God arise, and his Enemies perish.



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# Mr. PARTRIDGÈS

## WONDERFUL PREDICTIONS,

*Pro Anno 1688.*

**T**HE first three Months of the Year are always considered from the positions of the Sun's entrance into the Tropical sign *Capricorn*, which was [from the *Caroline Tables*] in 1687. on the eleventh of *December*, at 2. hours 24. minutes P. M. at which time three degrees of *Aquary* was on the M. C. and 7. degrees of *Gemini* on the Ascendent: *Saturn* is in 23. degrees of *Libra*, in the sixth House: *Mars* in 26. deg. of *Pisces*, in the eleventh, and *Jupiter* in conjunction with the *Sun*, in the eighth, in *Capricorn* his fall; *Combus*t and *Occidental*, and *Venus* in the sixth in *Scorpio* her detriment. So that the two Fortunes are in a poor weak condition, and none of the seven *Angular* but the *Moon*. At the *Preventional full Moon* all the Planets were under the Earth, except *Mars* and the *Moon*, and they in a *double Square* from the tenth and seventh Houses: And the *Sun* likewise in Square to *Mars*. At the *Post-ventional New Moon* the *Sun* is in the tenth, and *Mars* in *Aries* in the Ascendent, in Square to *Jupiter* and *Mercury*. And now let us examine what will be the effects of these positions.

At the Ingress and the full Moon, the Planets are generally under the Earth, and in obscure Houses, which shews close *Consults*, *Councils* and *Cabals* in divers places and parts of *Europe*, and that the principal part of this Quarter will

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be spent in debates, and affairs of that nature. The things in debate are *two*, and those are Religion and Dominion, or rather a power to impose the former upon mankind, the better to introduce some other projects. And this is shewed by the position of the *Sun* in conjunction with *Jupiter*, and he in Reception with *Mars*; *Jupiter* (you must observe) always personates the *Clergy of Nations*, and they you know generally love to be concerned in Government, and accordingly he is here got under the *Suns* protection, who is the real Patron of Government and Rule: and *Mars* is to be his *Hector* to manage the affair by force, if no other way will do. But if *Bonatus* says true, They will be cruelly disappointed; for he says, the *Sun* in the eighth House *significat depressionem divitum & magnatum seu Nobilium, &c.* and in another place speaking of *Mars* in *Pisces* he says, *Mortem Magnatum & Divitum significat*. So that between depression and death they are like to lose their long look for, and wished for desire, to the great Grief of *Mother Church* and her *Babes*. But yet to make it more clear that the thing is Religion, pray observe that *Saturn*, who is Lord of the ninth and tenth Houses, hath been lately in *Sextile* with the *Sun*; and *Mercury* the little foot-post among the Stars, is in the *ninth House Retrograde*, and his first application is to the Bodies of *Jupiter* and the *Sun*: From whence it is more than probable, that the design is so.

If we consider, that immediately after the Ingress, the *Sun*, *Jupiter* and *Mercury* meet in the beginning of *Capricorn*, and this in the eighth House, about which time we may conclude, that there was some considerable thing taken into consideration, that is fit and serviceable for the present juncture of affairs; but while it is under consideration, the advantage propounded is spoiled. For *Mars* comes

comes up presently after to the Square of *Mercury* and *Jupiter*, and the *Sun* shortly after to the Square of *Saturn*, which divides their Councils, and destroys the design; so that when *Mars* comes to the Opposition of *Saturn* in the end of *January* or thereabouts, you may hear of *Favourite*s turned out, and new ones entertained. Fresh *Dragooning* in *France*, or something like it, new attempts in *England*, to wheedle a people to chuse a *Parliament*, to destroy their *Laws* and *Religion*. But under the effects of that Opposition of *Saturn* and *Mars*, will be laid the project or design of some cursed attempt, to be performed about *June* following, for that opposition is celebrated upon a New Moon, from Active parts of Heaven, attended by bad Aspects, and the *Sun* and *Moon* at the same time in Opposition to the places of the last great triple Conjunction in *Leo*. And *Bonatus* tells us, that *Mars* joyned to *Saturn* by Opposition is of a pernicious consequence. *Insurgent enim in eos ex guerris, & nitentur contra eos*, and again he says, *Mars in Ariete significat victoriam in bello civibus civitatum illarum: & habitatoribus illarum regionum super inimicos eorum, qui venerint de alijs partibus ad illas causa nocendi eis*. That *Mars* in *Aries* signifies Victory to the Citizens and Inhabitants of those Cities and Countries under that sign (I suppose he means if they have occasion to fight) and that they shall put to flight all those that come to offer them either Violence or Injury. And to say the Truth, I do believe that Opposition with some other Positions and Configurations, will be the occasion of such differences, that will come both to blows and blood, in what part of the World, I shall leave to time to shew: Only this I will say, those Cities and Countries under *Aries* and *Libra* will feel the smart of it.

The effects of this Quarter will consist more of Con-



sults than action, and the contrivances thereof will be the work of the following Summer. And so I come to consider the vernal ingress of the *Sun*, which is March the ninth at four hours P. M. 1688. At the time mentioned of the *Suns* entrance into *Aries*, there is two degrees of *Gemini* on the M. C. and nine degrees of *Virgo* ascending; *Saturn* then in twenty three degrees of *Libra*, *Jupiter* in twenty two degrees of *Capricorn*; *Mars* in twenty four degrees of *Taurus*, among the *Pleiades*; *Venus* in eighteen degrees of *Aquary*; the *Moon* in eleven degrees of *Scorpio*; and *Mercury* in twelve degrees of *Aries*. The first and the principle thing remarkable in this figure, is the Square of *Jupiter* and *Saturn* from *Cardinal Signs*, and this of it self will bear the general sway in the effects of the three following months, and ought to be considered two several wayes. First from their *Aspect*, and secondly their *Position*. As to the *Aspect*: it never gives any thing, that is either sudden or very violent, but it stirs up *differences* in *Societies*, gives *Treacheries* and *Villanies*, with the discovery thereof; gives *Nations* and *Kingdomes* *suspitions* of their *Governors*; and this sometimes not without a cause; but it alwaies begets *Troubles*, *Animosities*, *differences*, and the like, from whence proceeds greater mischeifs, which certainly shew themselves by some great *Irruption* in the *State*, or alteration in the *Government* by some misfortune of the then *King*, *Prince*, &c. And this the more certain if there be three Squares of *Saturn* and *Jupiter*, as there are now, and be sure their effects fall always in those Countries subject to the Signs they are in, or their *Quadrangles*; but when they happen to be in *Cardinal Signs* (as they are now) then is their effects the more famous and remarkable. And for the truth of this be pleased to consider the precedeing Presidents of this kind, before the *curfed Popish Plot* in 1678. there was a single Square of the

the two Superiours from *Gemini* and *Pisces*, here *London* and *England* suffered sufficiently by that damned design of the *Papists*, and those *Villains*, their *Accomplices*. In 1668 there was a single Square from *Aquary* and *Taurus*, this did not at all concern *England*, neither was that then disturbed. In the Years 1657. and 1658. there was a tripple Square of *Saturn* and *Jupiter* from *Libra* and *Capricorn*, *Saturn* then opposite to the *Horoscope* of *England*. At that time there was murmurings and plottings against the then Oppressors, which at last was concluded with *Olivers* death, and a general mutation in the Government, with divers other Changes and Alterations, as those that then lived can well remember. Likewise when *Oliver* turned out the *Long Parliament* and took the Government on him, it was just after an Opposition of those two Superiors. In the year 1647. and 1648. there was then also a tripple Square of *Saturn* and *Jupiter* from *Gemini* and *Virgo*; What plotting contrivances there was then against the Government, let the affairs of *Wales*, *Lancashire*, and *Colchester* inform you, which cost many thousand men their lives, and last of all the King lost his head. In the year 1637. and 1638. there was a tripple Square of the two Superiours from *Libra* and *Capricorn*, and *Scorpio* and *Aquary*, What murmurings there then was among the people of all sorts, for their Oppressions they then laboured under, let History inform you, which was at last followed with a *War*, &c. I could go further in these *Historical Passages*; but I think these five Examples are sufficient to prove, that a tripple Square of *Saturn* and *Jupiter* from *Cardinal Signs* doth certainly make an Irruption in the Government of *England*, especially when it stands tottering, as at this time, and the

first of them happens in *March* 1688. the second in *July*, in the same year, and the third the *January* following, which by the Grace of God will in time have their Effects also.

Secondly, as to their position, we find the one in the *third House*, and the other in the *fifth*, and nearly in *parallel*, without any *Configuration* or *Aspect* to any of the other Stars, and both under the Earth, which shews as if there were some designs in hand, that the *Managers* are either afraid or ashamed to have known; that they are few in number is plain from their position *sine Configurationibus*, and that they are very private, from their being under the Earth in succedent Houses. In short, the position and the *Aspect* considered with other things, doth certainly presage some villanous Contrivance by the *Papists*, which will be the ground of their Ruin, and when their turn is come, I hope the *Protestants* will not forget to hang them for all their kindness and good nature to us. And now if we consider *Mars*, who is the other Malefick, we shall find him in *Taurus* in the twenty fourth degree thereof, and in Trine to *Jupiter* in the fifth, the House of Children, *Venus* in *Aquary* in the sixth, and the *Moon* in the third house cadent in *Scorpio*, that Villainous, Treacherous, Cheating, Perfidious, Truce-breaking, Whoring Sign. And the first Aspect the *Moon* makes in the *Zodiack* is the Square of *Venus*, then to the Trine of *Jupiter*, and lastly to the Opposition of *Mars*, and all these from that Pious sign *Scorpio*. Hence I judge that there is some lawdy Project on foot, that must be managed by such people as are described by the *Moon* in *Scorpio*. And this is either about buying, selling, or procuring a Child or Children for some pious use. Perhaps it may



may be nothing else but the taking care of *Fa. P—y's* Child that he got on Mrs. Betty at the Bath last Summer, and that I may do you all the service I can, I will here describe what manner of mad Persons they are that are to be concerned in this *bawdy project*. And they are a sort of *scandalous, impudent, mercenary* people, that will sell or ruin their own Souls, to serve the cause they are dipt in, of a *fat corpulent Body*, not very tall, perhaps but short; for they are like the Moon in *Scorpio*, which may give both, but alwayes fat or inclined to it.

But besides this there may be other designs in hand suitable to this position, and that is some *Embassy*, or *foreign Message*, to be negotiated a few weeks after the Ingress, about a weighry affair now in hand, and since we find *Jupiter, Venus, and Mars* to be concerned in it, the business may be about *Money, Counsels, and Souldiers*. And the reason that induceth me to believe it to be beyond the Seas, is because the *Moon* is in the third, the house of *Journeys*, *Jupiter* in the fifth, the house of *Embassies* and *Ambassadors*; and *Mars* in the ninth, the house of *Long Journeys*, and *Voyages by Sea*: and that it is about *Souldiers* and *armed Men*, because of the *Moon* and *Mars* in violent and pernicious parts of Heaven. But if you consider *Mercury* swift in motion, in his *Oriental Occidentality*, and separated from the *Sun* (who is in exact *Sextile* to the tenth), and next apply's to the opposition of *Saturn* and *Square* of *Jupiter* in the *Zodiack*, and to the *Sextile* of *Venus* and *Square* of *Jupiter* in *Mundo* all from *Aries*, the *Ascendant* of *England*. So you will see a fine issue of these things a few dayes after the Ingress, whether it will be *discovered of Treachery* with loss of *Honour* and *Court favour*, or *Impachments*

peachments, or both, I will not take upon me to determine; but the time you may expect it, will be in *April* and *June*. Perhaps when Thieves differ, there may be work for the Hangman.

But one thing more I shall observe from this *Ingress*, and that is, when *Saturn* and *Jupiter* make their second Square, which is in *July*; Then the *Sun* and *Mars* are in *Leo*, near the place of the last great *Conjunction* and they both keep within ways, during their passage thro' that sign; why may not the *Turk* again feel the force of his Enemies Arms, or *Italy* receive some disturbance from a neighbouring Invader.

In short, the figure of the *Ingress* doth not promise any great Action in publick, that is generous and brave; but abundance of *deceit*, *wheedle*, *Tricking*, and such kind of base *under hand dealing*, wrought in the dark, as the *Popish Faction* usually do. And so I come to consider the *Autumnal Ingress*, and that is, when the *Sun* enters the first scruple of *Libra*; which is this year, *September* the twelfth at 30 minutes, past six of the Clock in the morning.

In this figure we find *Cardinal signs* possess the four *Angles*, which according to some *Learned Coxcombs* in our profession, is a mighty thing; but for my part I know no reason for it, nor they neither; but only some *Bouncing Huffs* will impose, (and find *easie People* to believe them. Any signs on the *Angle* with *Planets* in them, are great positions, but *Cardinal Signs* there without *Planets* signifie little, but *popish* *trick* *deceit*, &c. but in this Figure we have three *Planets Angular*, and yet they signifie very little to the advantage of the position in general. For *Jupiter* is in his fall in opposition to the *Angle* of

of *dignity* and *grandeur*, and in Square to *Saturn*, and *Saturn* is in *Libra* his *Exaltation*, applying to the *Mundane parallel* of the *Sun*, and in the Ascendent also: of which thus speaks *Bonatus*, *Saturnus in Ascendente; significat mororem multorum hominum*, that it shews much grief and sorrow to many men. And if other positions and Aspects say true, it is more than probable too. And he says the same also of the position of *Mars* in the twelfth, which must be aggravated and increased by his being Combust, *Significat marem & tristitiam venturam*: and I judge, he might also have said, *Causa Criminum & Carceris*: for *Mars* in the twelfth house afflicting the *Sun*, gives sorrow, loss, imprisonment, and divers other Calamities of that kind, and this to such persons as are signified by the *Sun* and *Mars*,

But what means the *Sun* in the twelfth, within six degrees of the Body of *Mars*, and not far from the body of *Saturn*, and this in *Libra* his fall? this is a position of pernicious consequence, of which hear what *Bonatus* says: *Significat diminutionem atque depressionem divitum & Magnatum. Nobilium quoque & eorum mortem: eorumque dignitatum ablationem: & injurias eis illaturas ab ignobilibus*. It signifies, says he, the fall and depression of great and noble men, and their death also: Loss of their dignity, and affronts to them from the common people: and indeed whether *Bonatus* says so or not, Common reason will tell any man, that such effects must be the consequence of such a position, if he understands Astrology: and as the *Sun* goes from the body of *Mars*, so he apply's to the body of *Saturn*, who is Lord



of the Eighth from the tenth; and for that reason also seems to threaten danger to great men in this Quarter, and perhaps a *King* or *Prince* too. For the *Sun* signifies *Kings*, &c. Besides, the *Moon*, who is Lady of the tenth, the house of *Kings*, is hastening to the body of *Mars* and *Zodiacal parallel of Saturn*, which exceedingly strengthens the forementioned *Aphorism* and Judgment.

But to Conclude the Judgment of the whole year, and this quarter in particular, I shall only add this that there are various and many mutations at hand, and I believe the Effusion of some blood also.

## Observations on the twelve Months.

### JANUARY.

**A**T the beginning of this Month the Sun meets the Square of *Saturn*, from which you may Expect some *damnable intrigue* of the *Papists*, newly Contrived, of which you will hear more toward the End of the Month. But besides this, it shews the death of some old *infirm Statesman*, or else he is turned out and discarded. It Likewise gives ground for new differences between great and eminent men, and that there shall arise quarrels between those that least expected it, according to that of *Bonatus*, *Erunt vixæ atque discordie inter divites & Magnates.*

But at the New Moon in January we find an opposition of *Saturn* and *Mars* from the first and seventh Houses, and *Mercury* in the fourth, in Square to them both,

both, the Effects of which particularly concern *England*. And it hath two sorts of Effects attend it: the first is, great differences among those of the *Government* (as they call themselves) by which means their present affairs are either neglected or put to a stand, and perhaps some Contrivance about a *foreign Army* next *May* or *June*. The second is, turning out divers of their *Creatures*, either because they are *not able*, or *not willing* to serve them any further, so that in *February* you may Expect that the *Eastwind* will rise and send in a new cast of *Catterpillars*.

## FEBRUARY.

At the beginning of this Month we find the *Sun* in *Trine* to *Saturn* which promiseth preferment to some old *Cunning Hypocrite*, that was formerly *Kickt* out, is now received to Court again upon promise of obedience, *you know to what*. This month is spent in preferments to those that are quallifyd with *vertues* fit for it, and divers new *players* are brought in about this time.

## MARCH.

The first thing Considerable here is, the *Sextile* of the *Sun* and *Jupiter*, and the *Square* of *Saturn* and *Jupiter*: now if you make your Compute right between these two *Aspects*, it will make a very pleasant mixture fit for the time it falls in, the *Sextile* is great, generous, and brave, but the *Square* is all *Trick*, *Cheat*, *Hypocrisie*, &c. So that I Conclude there will be about this time some *Clergymen* preferred, men of *Excellent parts* and great *proficients*

in *Atheism*, *Socinianism* and *Popery*. For Example, suppose *Sa. Par* — *r. of Oxford*, or *C* — *ht of Chester* : but whether it is from their preferring Scandalous villains, or any other intricate cause I cannot say, but about this time the *Popish counsels* in *England* go on but *Heavily*, some *designes* take air too soon, others are *frustrate*, and some of their own *Creatures disappoint* them in their service, tho many of them are *Rogues Enough*. The last Month seem'd to Countenance an *Approaching war* with some neighbouring Nation, and much talk there was of something to be done by *Sea* and *Land*, but now all that noise is laid aside, and perhaps those *preparations* then visibly may be imployed to some other *Cursed design*, which is not yet publickly known.

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From the *opposition* of the *Sun* and *Saturn* at the end of the last month you may expect more *changes* and *turnings* among those called *Ministers of State*, and if I mistake not, there is now some new regulation among the *Ecclesiastical Commissioners*, and the *Square* of the *Sun* and *Jupiter* tells you for *what*, that is, there are now new *Orders* and *Commands* sent down to *Oxford*, and those new *Gamesters* are to execute them; but this is certain, there is now some new villany to be acted by the *Papists* at *Oxford*, by what *persons* or what *Authority* I will not be positive. Besides, this *Square* of the *Sun* and *Jupiter* doth also portend some difference among the *Clergy* and *Courtiers*, or else some *Considerable Clergymen* turned out of favour, perhaps both. *Mars* now in *Gemini* puts the *City of London* in



in fear, and there is good ground for it too. The *Sextile* of *Jupiter* and *Venus* speaks great things about *Liberty*, *Religion*, and *Priviledges*, but believe it who pleaseth; but the double *Square* of *Jupiter* and *Mercury* gives some contentious Books and Pamphlets about *Religion*: and the *Suns Eclipse* threatens *Ireland*.

MAY.

Will not afford much action nor cause for it, but the affairs of this Month depend on the Influence of the last, only the *Trine* of the *Sun* and *Jupiter* gives some *Loyal Fellow* preferment in the Law, and it is to serve a particular end too: there is also at this time great endeavours used to prepare the way for some *precious Villanies* to be acted in the next month. The *Trine* of the *Sun* and *Saturn* gives some old *Renegado* preferment in the City of *London*: alas poor old *Fop*! thou hast lived to a fair age, turn—at last.

JUNE.

This is a month of Action with a Witness: the *Square* of *Saturn* and *Mars* will (you need not question) give villany enough, now they use Violence to prepare for *Whedling*; for it is best *fishing* in troubled Waters: new Inventions trump up *Priviledges* and *Laws* invaded more than formerly; *Poperie* appears more *bare faced* than it used to do. Some *Child* topt upon a *Lawful Heir* to cheat them out of their *Right* and *Estate*. God preserve the *Kingdom of England* from *Invastion*. For about this time, I fear it in earnest; and keep the *Protestants* there from being *Draggony*. A great *Clergyman* or *Lawyer* dyes, and perhaps it may be judged by *Pelton*.

JULY

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Is not less active than the preceeding Month: the *square* of the *Sun* and *Saturn* will again put things into a strange and unusual *Ferment*, differences between great Men grows still *higher* and more violent and publick: the *Popish Sham's* will not do, neither will they pass upon the people as they expected; and indeed they are too *fulsom* to be *indured*. With this the *Opposition* of *Jupiter* and the *Sun* takes place, and perhaps you will think it strange, that a great man should quarrel with his *Priests*, or they with him. But some such things will be, and also some *Rogues* lately taken in turn'd out again. These positions considered with the *square* of *Saturn* and *Jupiter* the second time, and *Mars* on the place of the last great *Conjunction*, will put things into a very violent posture and strange disorder. Those that are *dipt in Treason*, now begin to be *desperate*, believing the *Gallows* to be their due if the design perish, as it undoubtedly will, let them try all *Tricks* they can, and make use of all the *treasonable practices* that *Villains* can put them upon: for they are almost come to their *ne plus ultra*.

## AUGUST.

The *square* of *Saturn* and *Jupiter* puts the whole faction upon Council, and the Question is, *what shall be done next*. The *Sun* and *Mars* in *Leo* on the place of the *Conjunction* seems to shew their *Councils* incline to *violence*, and *blood*, and the rather because in *Leo* the *Ascendent* of *Rome*. But their *Councils* are divided, and they *Cannot* yet thoroughly agree. But on the  
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15th day there is a violent Luration in *Virgo*, and a Conjunction of the Sun and Mars a few days after in the same sign, in Square to *Gemini* the Ascendent of London, if ever the Papists put it upon a bloody desperate issue, it is now at this time. But I think they will not because I believe they have not Courage and impudence enough to do it, but I am sure they are willing Sol & Mars Coniuncti in Virgine, significat Effusione[m] sanguinis, and the reason is because it is a humane sign. Yet I am of the opinion that there will be divers sorts of Violence attend it, and blood may be as well shed by the Law, out of a Malicious design, as if it were done publickly by the hand of Mars.

But I would now advise the People of England to provide themselves with Nets of all sorts, for they will shortly have great occasion to use them. Your Priests Nets ought to be made firm and good and as strong as if you were to Catch foxes and wild Boars in them: for they are a Crew of plaguy strong Rogues, Especially those that Carry Saints about with them, and for this sort of Game let your Nets be spread at Charing Cross, London Bridge, Gravesend, Dover and Portsmouth.

But the Judges Nets need not be altogether so strong, such as you used to Catch Owles and Buzzards which will do well enough: and your best places to spread them in are the Temple Staires, Serjeants Inn Gates, and Chancery Lane: you may also try your Nets to Catch two or three Bishops; But in my opinion you had better Angle for them, and your best Bait, is a Cardinals Cap. with which you will be sure to Catch them: you must be also provided for some Mushroom Lords, it was the way formerly to Catch them by their honor, but



but now you must not trust to that, for these never had either *honor or honesty*, and therefore your *Nets* and *Tackling* must be good. And for the rest of the *Crowd*, whether they are *Knights, worthless Gentlemen*, or any of the *new Converted tender-Conscienced Catholicks* in *groß*, you may Catch them as they do *Larks in winter*, with a *Low-bell* supposing it calls them to *Mass*. And when you have taken your game, pray be as kind to them as they deserve. Especially to *Lord J—rys*.

## S E P T E M B E R.

The *Trine* of the *Sun* and *Jupiter* at the End of the last month seems to indicate *preferment* to some *Lawyer* or *Clergy man*, or both: and the *Trine* of *Jupiter* and *Mars* at the beginning of this Month gives advancement to a *Souldier* for some *Eminent service* by him done either by *Sea or Land*. And also there seems to be a noise and report of some great body of men to meet about matters of *State*; either in *Parliament* or some other great *Council &c.* *Mars* keeping Company with the *Sun* so Long will give an unwholsome and an unhealthy season. Perhaps some new kind of *feavers*, or a distemper of the *bowells* may ensue. The *Conjunction* of *Mars* and *Mercury* in *Libra* will Lay some knavish design either for *Cheating* or *thieving*. But their being so near the *Sun beames*, it may be discovered before they are aware, and they rewarded before they are willing.

## O C T O B E R.

Here are no less than five of the *seven Planets* in *Libra* and suddenly after four of them in *Scorpio*. And all

all of them out of their dignities [termes excepted, ] this can shew no other than great and frequent meetings to consult upon some affairs that seem to require both Speed and secrecy. The Planets are Saturn, the Sun, Venus and Mercury. Here are People of all sorts Concerned in it: old, Young, Noble, Ignoble, Men, Women, Lawyers, Statesmen, &c. Well let them go on with their designe, and manage it as well and as wisely as they and their Counsellors can Contrive. But in the Next place we find the Sun in Conjunction with Saturn in about 27 degrees of Libra: this is an untoward position, and I doubt will make some Peoples hearts ache. Saturn according to the Common notion in Astrology is strong in Libra, it being his Exaltation, and the Sun is weak there, it being his fall. So that the Sun is afflicted by the presence of Saturn, and I Expect the death of some great man for that reason, &c. the Eclipse of the Sun doth also shew the same, it being in the beginning of Scorpio among violent stars, and his death will be of the nature of Saturn, Mars, and Mercury: the Square of Jupiter and Mars from Capricorn and Libra, shews some great Lawyer or Clergy man, or both, to be in an ill Condition, when the heavens frown, then it goes hard. In short, I can tell you that this will be a Month of more talk than trade. Farewell.

## N O V E M B E R

This Month begins with two remarkable Aspects the first is the sextile of the Sun and Jupiter; this shews that there is a very great Lady in Europe, that will shortly Ascend to a very great degree of Honour and Grandeur, and Long may she enjoy it with peace and plenty;

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it is the Effects of her *Midheaven* to the body of the *Moon* and *Sextile* of *Venus*, the *Trine* of *Jupiter* not being far of: the second is the *Conjunction* of *Saturn* and *Mars* on the place of the *Last Eclipse*; This shews the *ruin* and *destruction* of many men that a few *Months* ago did little think thereof, and these, men of *no small quality*; it falls in *Scorpio* the *dignity* of *Mars* and a *fixt Sign*, and will be therefore both *violent* and *durable*: Let them look to the *Consequence* thereof. These two *Aspects* would take up a *whole treatise* to *Explain* them, but I am *Confin'd* to a *small space* of *Paper*, and I need not tell you any more *Effects* of this *Month*, for these *very actions* will *drown* all other *affairs*. God keep *all quiet at home*.

## D E C E M B E R

Concludes this *wonderful year*, and indeed of the whole, the *Latter part* is most to be *admired*, because of the *variety* it *produceth*; for we find *Venus* on that *Great Ladies Midheaven* in *Sextile* to *Mars*, and *Jupiter* on the place of her *Radical Moon*, in *Conjunction* with *Venus*, and about three *Months* preceding, *Jupiter* *Stationary* on the *degree* [almost] of her *Midheaven*; greater positions cannot be to *Concur* so *Exactly*, and I doubt not but their *Effects* will be as *Considerable*, and glorious. Nay I might add yet another, and that is of *Jupiter* on the place of her *Radical Moon* in *Sextile* of *Mars*, who is in the beginning of *Sagittary*, in *Exact* *sextile* to her *Radical Midheaven*, and this near an *Eminent fixed Star* of the *Nature* of *Mars* and *Jupiter*: and so I will *Conclude* with that *passage* of the *Prophet Isaiah* Chap. 66. ver. 10. *Rejoyce ye with Jerusalem*, and be glad with her, all ye that *Love* her: *Rejoyce* for Joy with her, all ye that *mourn* for her. Some



SOME  
OBSERVATIONS and PREDICTIONS  
GATHERED OUT OF  
Mr. PARTRIDGES  
ALMANACK  
1688.

IN MAY

**T**he *Sun* enters *Gemini*, the Ascendant of *London*, and there in Trine to *Saturn*; and before the *Sun* gets through that Sign, he meets the Trine of *Mars* and the opposition of *Jupiter*, from *Sagitary* and *Aquary*, this will affect that *City* with some new model in its Councils and Government, and some alteration in the *Militia* and Souldiery. But be it what it will, it neither takes, nor pleaseth, but is opposed by those that were least suspected, and this gives occasion for a new Change among the Grandees of that Place, and this as well among Judges and Councillors as Clergymen; *Poperie* will not do, neither is it a good way to promote it, to prefer scandalous Favourers of it.

The Month Ends with murmuring, and news from divers parts, *Spain*, *Germany* and the Northern Kingdoms.

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Who ever he is that hath *Saturn* in opposition, and *Mars* in square to his giver of life, will be sick and crazy, and in some danger thereby, but it will go over, and no such consequence follow as was and is feared, however old men must dye.

*Mars* in opposition to *Mercury* from *Leo* & *Aquary*, gives a great noise of some new plot and conspiracy, hence follows accusations for treason, others out of favour at Court, and this concerns the two Nations of *England* and *France*: besides this, there is a discovery and apprehension of *Clippers* and *Coipers*, and other such like trades-men, and some great Bankers or Merchants retire, which is commonly called breaking.

*Europe* it now in great expectation of some great action or thing to be done in the month following.

The *Moon*, who signifies the people in general, and those of *London* in particular at this time, (by her position in *Gemini*, the Ascendant of that City) is doubly cadent, in the twelfth house, and in *Gemini* the twelfth Sign from her own house, likewise afflicted by *Jupiter* and *Mercury*; this shews that the people of *England* will suffer considerably by Losses, Discontents, Abuses, &c. But as the *Moon* is in an active Sign in the ascending part of Heaven, and also among the Stars of *Orion*, which tho in part is a misfortune, yet it gives in the conclusion, Resolution and Courage; and for that reason the People of that Nation shall again take Courage and release themselves from the Oppressions they now labour under, and this I say in a few months; for it doth indeed not reach to Years: and this is confirmed by the square of *Jupiter* and *Mercury*, who are the two Stars that personate  
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and describe the *King* and *Governours* of that *Nation*; for *Mercury* is under the *Sun* beams, which shews the *Curse of Diseases*; and *Jupiter* is in a *Zodiacal* parallel with *Mars*, which shews *want of money*, and also danger of *death*; these considered plainly shews a *Catastrophe* approaching, and that there will be a *change* in that *Kingdom*, and *Government* also, and this in a short time.

But yet there are some other things that ought to be taken notice of and mentioned, as effects caused by these *Aspects*, and then we must consider *Jupiter* as Lord of the tenth, and *Mercury* of the seventh House, and the *Moon* Lady of the fourth and fifth Houses from the tenth; this shews great and high contests between that *King* and some other neighbouring *Princes* or *States*; and that these things shall be debated and managed with much industry on both sides. But in the end it shall be to that *Kings* disadvantage and loss; some Ambassador of his shall be trickt, and put upon to his shame and disparagement; the reason is, because the *Moon* who doubly signifies Ambassadors, is afflicted by *Mercury*, Lord of the seventh House.

But perhaps you may ask, *Why this should be the concern of England? Why not of some other Nation or Country as well as that?*

To this I answer, I cannot deny, but it doth concern some other *Kingdomes* and *Cities*; for I know it doth; but it doth in particular, and more remarkably concern that *Prince* and *Nation*, and that for these reasons following; First, the *Sun* and *Venus* are in the ascendant of *England*, in opposition to *Saturn*; Secondly, the *Moon* is in *Gemini* the Ascendant of *London*, and there



there opposed by *Jupiter*, Lord of the tenth, the Significator of *Kings*, and squared by *Mercury* from the tenth House also; and Thirde and Lastly, because *Saturn* is in opposition to that Princes part of *Fortune* in his *Radix*, and that giver of life, *Ptol.* lib. 3. cap. 12, 13. and will in a few months be directed to a malefick ray of *Saturn*, which very aptly agrees with this present position and Aspects; but the particulars you must expect in my next years, the effects mentioned not being to happen within the compass of this.

The further Effects of these Configurations gives ground for discontents, that breeds Grudges and ill opinions, and these beget Differences, Debates, and Disputes about *Property*, *Priviledges*, and *Religion*, which suddenly after the *Ingress* will appear, and the result of Counsels then be put in practice, — the tenth House signifieth *Princes*, the eleventh their *Exchequer* and *Treasury*, on the Cusp of which the *Sun* is placed, in opposition to *Saturn*, and square to *Mars* the Lord thereof; hence, the want of Money and ways to get it may be a cause either of the deferring or diverting the designs now intended for some times; for at this time the *Princes of Europe* are not richly provided, and so I come to speak of the *Sun in Aries*, and of those Aspects with which he is beheld, &c.

The *Sun* going to the Square of *Mars* on the cusp of the Seventh House, and *Saturn* and *Mars* to a Square also, considered with the Opposition of the *Sun* and *Saturn*, doth according to the Rules of *Astrology* shew a *War* will break out in the former part of this Year 1687, and this for some old Grudge, that hath long layn sleeping, because *Saturn* the Patron

iron of Malice is under the Earth, and there afflicts both *Mars* and the *Sun*, and this seems to be a *Confederate War*, and managed with much Courage and Resolution on both sides; but let those that begin it Expect to smart by it, and feel the Effects of a rash giddy action.

For the *Sun* soon after the Ingress, joins with *Mercury*, a rash giddy brain'd fellow, who immediately gives his Advice and Council, and so they fall foul on *Saturn* and *Mars*, and break the peace; and indeed it is no hard matter for a man at any time to begin a quarrel, if he will run the risk of a broken head.

But I judge there will be some body, or other in this broil that may begin it, but shall never live to see the end thereof; for you see the *Sun* is going to the Square of *Mars* on the seventh, the tenth from the tenth, this shews the beginner that his success shall be vain, which will vex and grieve him sore, and then the *Sun* goeth to the opposition of *Saturn* in the fifth, the eighth from the tenth; this shews his death so plain and naturally, that a *Painter* with choice colours could not draw it more to the life, &c. Thus much of the general Effects of these positions, I now come to the rest that are more particular either to Nations or private persons.

The parts of Heaven from whence the Rays and Beams are reciprocally cast, are Cardinal Signs, the Stars and Planets are the *Sun*, *Saturn* and *Mars*, to which we may also add the *Moon*, *Jupiter*, and *Mercury*, these personate the Great Men of Nations, the Favorites and Counsellors of Princes, great Martial Officers, &c. Secretaries of State, Judges, Governours  
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of Towns, and such like, that call themselves Members, or a part of the Government. Now among these People there will be many sudden and violent Hurry-Canes, turning some out of Favour, others out of Place and Favour both; some prefer'd, and as soon found useless again; and among those of lower quality, Impeaching, Detecting and betraying one another; either in hopes of Gold, or Reward of their Places, &c. The Kingdoms and Dominions where these things shall be most practicable, are *Germany, France, Sweden and Denmark*, but most in *England*; for that Nation seems to be pointed at in particular, as you may easily see, if you do but consider *Aries* as *Englands* Horoscope, and *Gemini* as *Londons*; and thus will there be turning and overturning till the great turn comes, *quod faxit Deus*.

And here by the way, give me leave to tell you, that it is convenient and reasonable that these things should be; for Nature observes an order and course in all her actions; for it seems as if things were now preparing as fit matter for the Square of *Saturn* and *Jupiter* to work upon in the year 1688. and so forward; for then they make their first Square from *Libra* and *Capricorn*, and will give considerable actions and changes in the Kingdoms of *Europe*; and these Influences will be spent about *Religion* and *Government*; for *Europe* has yet seen but the beginning of the Effects of *Saturn* and *Jupiter*; but in the year 1688 and in 1689 we shall see much more, - when they come to a quartile at three several times, but most of all in 1692 and 1693, when they make three Oppositions from *Gemini* and *Sagittary*: And then I hope *London* may begin



begin to look a little like her self again ; for about that time the Government of that *City* will be changed again, and I hope for the better.

And I shall yet go further, and say, that the effects of that Conjunction in *Leo* will turn up Laws and Government, but settle none, I mean for a continuance ; and this let the thinking Reader observe in the following 16 years ; Nay, there are but few Kingdoms and Governments in *Europe* and its Dominions, but what shall receive a shock and damage even in their Fundamentals, under the effects of this Conjunction in *Leo* ; and the reason is, because *Mars* was with them in *September* 1682. and all three within a degree of each other : And so I come to sum up the whole in a few words.

The *Sun* and *Moon* personate all Mankind in general ; the *Sun* represents Kings and Great Men, the *Moon* those of meaner Rank and Quality, and *Mercury* is joyned with the *Sun* in signification. Now observe, the *Sun* and *Mercury* are both in parallel with *Saturn*, and he the Patron of Envy, Destruction, Heresie, Schism and Popery. The *Moon* is in parallel with *Jupiter* and *Mars*, the Patrons of Liberty, Courage and Piety. Hence I judge the advantage is far greater for those last mentioned, than for the former ; and in short, *Popery*, &c. will not stand in *England* many months, nor in *France* many years, but decline and perish, which God of his Infinite Mercy hasten, and then *Run Rogues*.

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*His Advices to*

*Germany*, thou hast had the Blessing of Heaven, and thy good Stars: Let thy present Conquest against the *Pagan Crescent* satisfy thee; and now bend thy Force against the *Christian Turk*, and prosper, for thy Arms are still Victorious, if they are employed as design'd by Heaven.

*Holland*, resume thy thy pristine Courage: Stand to thy Arms and be bold, and thou shalt yet plow the Ocean with success, and tame the Insolence of thy Enemies. *A good Cause and Conscience, is better than a hated Monarch.*

*Denmark*, be wise betimes: Let not the promises of great Sums discover the weakness of a staggering Prince, and betray the Interest of a righteous Cause.

*Sweden*, Thou art designed for a great and a good work; let not thy fears prevail.

*Venice*, Thou mighty State, let the World still see that the blessing of God still attends thy Government and Constitution, more than thy Religion.

*France*, I must tell thee; that tho thou hast past the Sun to the mundane Square of Mars, yet the Zodiacal Square of Saturn is yet behind; prepare thy Soul to submit to Fate; and know that thou hast a three years mischief now at the door: Remember thy Villanies.

*England*, Thou shalt yet make a further advance, for it is yet more than three months to the Harvest, and at thy appointed time shall thy deliverance come, even at that time when the Sun makes the Scorpion a second visit, and then will the Spanish Apple (that is an Orange) be grateful to the English Palates.

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To the  
**HONEST PROTESTANTS**  
 of *England, &c.*

By way of *EPILOGUE*

GENTLEMEN,

**N**OW to your Cost you've seen (with Greif & Tears)  
 The tricking *shams* of the preceding Years,  
 You that have *seen*, scorn'd to believe it then,  
 Impos'd upon, even by the *Worst* of men.  
 Thus folly still, help'd to compleat your fate,  
 And all that can be said, *you did repent too late.*  
 But come, *Cheer up* : Heaven has reliev'd your need,  
 'Tis from *that Throne* your happy fate's decreed,  
 For when the Angel, Arm'd with anger flew,  
 He had his orders then, to spare you too :  
*A Little whipping is the Schollars due.*  
 Tho troops of Gods are brought you to cares,  
 The dextrous art of Priest's and Idleness,  
 Religions Scandal, to increase *Romes* store,  
 Which *Fools* believe, and *Madmen* do adore.  
 Tricks made by Priest's th' Ignorant to surprise,  
 Who Sacred Writ, and reason doe despise.



But you know better, and have oft been told, (gold.  
 Of those damn'd Cheats, you know they want your  
 Preserve your *Faith*, your Ancestors have won;  
 You know the *Truth*, the Mystick *three in one*;  
 Stoop not to *Idols*, nor lay reason by,  
 Give not your *Faith* up, nor yet tamely dye,  
 The *Sun* is up, the *Actors* fill the stage,  
 And now you see, a twelve month's not an Age.  
 Let *England* henceforth loath *Rome's* fulsome Whore,  
 And that damn'd Cheat be never thought on more.

T H E  
 SPIRIT of P O P E R I E

Truly Represented in

V E R S E

by Mr. J. Partridge.

**T** Oucht with a teeming *Strain* of English growth,  
 My burning *Muse* into a blaze breaks forth.  
 In Sacred passion; Scorns to be afraid,  
 Of those vast Murders pious *Rome* hath made.  
 A gracious Mother, merciful and good,  
 Her thoughts are Murder, and her Bosom's Blood.

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The Priests of Rome are like their Mother, true,  
Lazy and Letcherous, yet obedient too :  
Furnisht with all the vice that nature gives,  
They are the onely Epicures that Lives.  
Yet they Converſe with God, diſperſe their Prayers,  
Confeſs your Wives, and alſo get you Heirs.

Of all the Arts the Devil yet made choice,  
This thing of Popery was his Maſter piece :  
For in revenge, (with heaven being at odds)  
He taught the Papiſts how to eat their Gods,  
Then't would not be amiſs ſince thus they do,  
To make clear work and eat the Devil too.

Can ye forſwear your Faith, give God the lye ?  
Cant with a Prieſt, and Lay your reaſon by ;  
Lay down your wealth to ſerve the Church, and they  
That ſuck your blood, when they pretend to pray ?  
Can yee be Prieſt-rid, and be aw'd by threats ?  
Can yee believe a Crew of pious Cheats ?

Can ye believe a little Dough-bak'd God,  
A Conjuring Bell and a Good-fryday Rod,  
A Lying Legend, and a Prieſtly Curſe,  
A Diſh of Holy Water and a Croſs ?  
When Rome grows rampant, Hell it ſelf contrives ;  
When Satan Preacheth, Belzebub believes.

What Man can think the Inquiſition good  
Where Church-men waſh their Hands in Lay-mens  
Can ye Adore a Croſs, be damn'd in Jeſt, (Blood ?  
Cheat all your Senſes, and believe a Prieſt ?

Hereticks

Hereticks can't believe, ye're only fit,  
True Slaves to Rome will never question it.

Should but a Priest say to his Zealot, Go,  
Murder that Heretick, it must be so:  
He dares not ask the Reason, goe's his ways,  
The Father says it, and the Fool obeys.  
What Man of sence, but must amazed stand,  
To see Fools act, what bloody Rogues command?

Consider Spain and France, see what's there done,  
Under what plagues those Neighb'ring Nations groan;  
And all this done by Holy Churches Care;  
For where Priest's Sway, be sure Oppression's there.  
Priest! p— on the Name, I loath the very smell;  
They're wretched things, scarce good enough for Hell.

The flux of Fate, that gives us hopes and fears,  
Sets Rome in Triumph, London all in Tears.  
That brood (by Flames) that made your City rue,  
Will if they can next burn your Bodies too.  
Rome's bloody Bigots London's Fate once Chang'd,  
Yet of a Crew of Rogues but one Fool hang'd.

Apostate Church, a Faith built up in Blood,  
A Lazy Priest, a little senceless God:  
All their Religion's Lyes, its proofs a sin;  
When Scripture failes, then Miracles come in!  
Yet n'er forget, nor yet forgive the Knaves,  
While Martyr'd Godfrey's blood for Vengeance Craves.

Creation!



Creation ! what is that, what noise ye make!  
 The thing's not strange, the Priests that undertake.  
 Nay, And do more : the Church hath here the odds,  
 God made but Man, but now the Priests make Gods.  
 Never be bubb'd by a Popish lye,  
 Rather than that, resolve, Revenge, and dye.

Let not Romes Court, how proud so'er'e expect,  
 O're English Men her Lawless Laws t' Erect :  
 Nor let the Popish broad think to controul,  
 One single Attom of a true English Soul,  
 God Loaths their Worship, they hate Holy Writ;  
 We hate their Faith, Hell waits to punish it.

The Authors Farewell to his Book

**G** O little Brat, Expected by the Just;  
 Hated by Villains, and by Papists Curst:  
 Thy foes are such, whom time it self shall hate;  
 Whose horrid actions shall compleat their fate.  
 Fools, Villains, Traytors, by true Name descryd;  
 Was ever Cards with such a Pack supply'd?  
 But here's thy Comfort, go and tell about,  
 The Fools that pull'd 'em in, shall kick 'em out.  
 Gird up thy Loins, begon, thou'rt call'd away;  
 For time and tide make the whole World obey,  
 Go tell thy Friends, and let them think upon't,  
 The Ancient Government the Kingdoms want:  
 No Plots grow there, poor Mankind to abuse;  
 Those little Tricks of State that Tyrants use :